

2022

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

YEAR END REPORT





SHERIFF
Dennis J. Quakenbush II

To the Citizens of Hamilton County,

As 2022 comes to a close, I am reminded of the fantastic support we have received this year from our community! I'm honored to serve as your Sheriff. I am also very grateful to the 240+ men and women at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) who have helped build and sustain the legacy of safety for our community. We live in one of the safest counties in America and the HCSO mission to "Keep Hamilton County Safe" will continue to be our top priority.

We must never take the unparalleled safety of Hamilton County for granted. As your county-wide law enforcement, we understand that the safety of our neighborhoods is being challenged daily and it is up to us to uphold the rule of law. As long as there is evil in the world, the innocent will need protected and our quality of life will need defended.

Our mission to "Keep Hamilton County Safe" involves everyone, especially you! This year brought new and unique challenges and you valiantly stepped up as a community. Our citizens, business owners, community leaders and public safety partners all deserve credit for our collective successes. The men and women at the Sheriff's Office have not only stepped up to these new challenges, but they have committed their daily lives to our mission.

We began 2022 by establishing specific objectives that would result in a safer community, lives saved, and crime deterred. This report outlines these goals and exceptional accomplishments. I hope you will find this report informative, but also that it will inspire you to be ever vigilant to the safety of our great community.

Sincerely,

Dennis Quakenbush
Sheriff, Hamilton County, Indiana



CHIEF DEPUTY
John Lowes

Our mission statement and six specific goals continued to solidify Sheriff Quakenbush's vision. These fundamental concepts correlated with measurable objectives for each division. The division commanders worked tirelessly again with the entire staff to keep Hamilton County safe.

AGENCY MISSION

We will strive to protect and serve Hamilton County by enforcing the law, carrying out justice, and defending the rights and freedoms of all.

AGENCY GOALS

Reduce crime, violence, and death in Hamilton County by proactively enforcing the law.

Enhance the quality of life in our community and schools by engaging and partnering with the citizens we serve.

Ensure the future success of the agency by developing and supporting personnel through leadership training, succession planning, and by partnering with them in their physical, mental and spiritual health.

Support Hamilton County law enforcement agencies and partners with centralized intelligence, programs, and resources when practicable.

Carry out justice for offenders while providing access to avenues of reformation and restoration.

Steward taxpayer resources by applying strategic planning, including financial planning and continuous quality improvement methods.

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MISSION CRITICAL: PROTECT & SERVE

Insight Into Challenges

IMPAIRED DRIVING

- Drunk drivers kill more than 10,000 people each year in the USA (NHTSA.gov).
- Impaired driving is one of the most frequently committed violent crimes in the nation.
- The average drunk driver has driven drunk 80 times before their first arrest (Madd.org).
- Drunk driving costs the USA \$132 billion dollars each year (Madd.org).
- Indiana OWI arrests increased from 9,379 (2020) to 11,840 (2021).
- Total OWI arrests in Hamilton County increased from 898 (2020) to 1405 (2021).

ILLEGAL DRUG USE

- Drug possession arrests across USA decreased from 712,082 (2020) to 498,087 (2021).
- According to the CDC, Indiana experienced a significant increase in nonfatal overdoses from patients who visited emergency departments from January 2019 to January 2020. Naloxone (opioid antagonist) in the hands of first responders and citizens saved many lives.
- Indiana drug overdose deaths increased from 2,316 (2020) to 2,812 (2021).
- Hamilton County had an 6.3% increase in overdose deaths from 48 (2020) to 51 (2021).

CRASHES

- Nationally, the estimated societal harm motor vehicle crashes caused was \$836 billion dollars in a year.
- Approximately 1/3 of fatal crashes involve speeding.
- USA experienced an 10.5% increase in fatal crashes 38,680 (2020) to 42,915 (2021).
- Indiana lost 94 people to fatal drunk driving collisions in 2021.
- HCSO crash reports increased from 860 (2020) to 966 (2021).

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

- Burglaries steadily decreased in the USA from 1,964,808 (2011) to 619,811 (2021).
- Thefts in the USA significantly decreased from 4,613,374 (2019) to 2,879,024 (2021).
- Indiana motor vehicle thefts increased 12,303 (2020) to 13,043 (2021).
- HCSO had decrease in fraud/forgery cases 78 (2020) to 62 (2021).

CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE

- Global Crime Trends correlated with COVID-19 pandemic include "Significant rise in domestic violence" & "increased online activity by pedophiles" Interpol Secretary General Jurgen Stock, June 2021, Police Chief Magazine.
- USA homicides decreased 17,815 (2020) to 14,677 (2021).
- 1 in 10 children experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday (D2L.org).
- 133 sex offenders lived in Hamilton County in 2021.
- HCSO investigated 0 murders, 1 robbery, 11 rapes, 8 child molestation cases 2021.

TOP 5 OFFENSES FOR HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL LAST YEAR (2022)

- Operating While Intoxicated (OWI)
- Failure to Appear (FTA)
- Violation of Probation (VOP)
- Theft
- Battery

GOAL 1

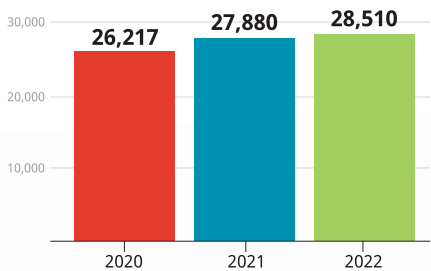
Proactive Enforcement

How did the Sheriff's Office reduce crime, violence, and death in Hamilton Co?

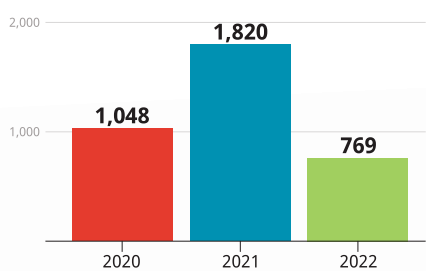
ENFORCEMENT

The Patrol Division was the frontline defense against crime in 2022. They were led by Captain Tom Logan. A few of their sub-specialties included: Mobile Field Force, Drug Recognition Experts, D.A.R.E., Tactical Tracking Team (ERU), Honor Guard, K-9 Units, Peer Support Team, & Bicycle Patrol.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

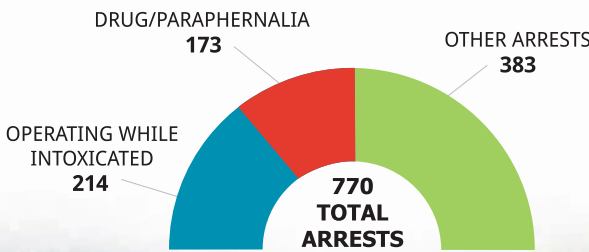


TICKETS ISSUED



TRAFFIC STOPS
8,214

DOCUMENTATION
(CASE REPORTS)
2,091



L/R: Dep. Jared Wilcox, Dep. Skyler Moe

LEADERSHIP

Life Saving Award | Corrections



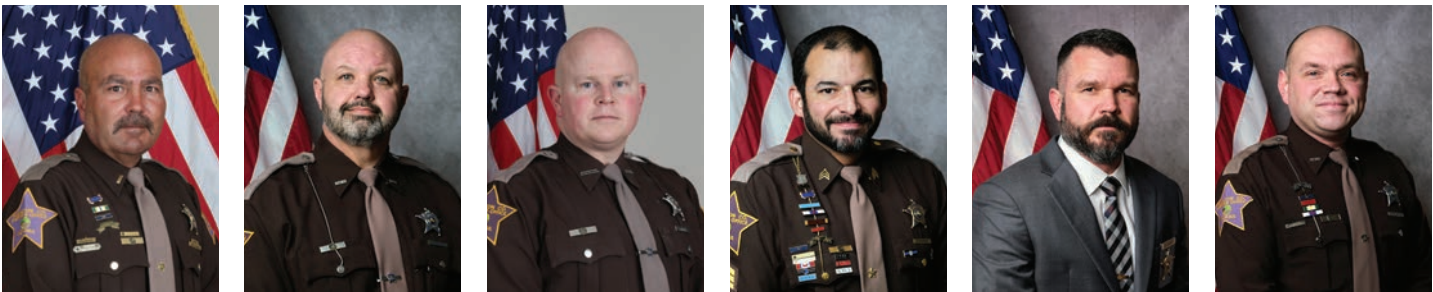
Sgt. Robert "Bud" Pontius Officer Michael Biddle SERT Commander Matt Hyde Officer Noah Defoe

Life Saving Award | JDC

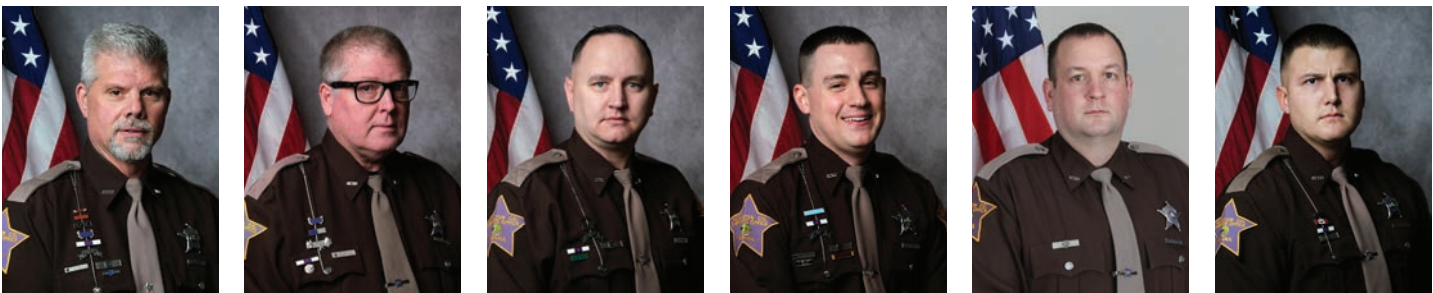


Officer Jasmine Clark

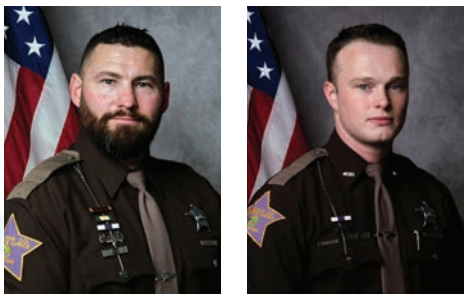
Life Saving Award | Merit



Lt. Kevin Fessel Dep. Josh Ireland Dep. Scott Hazel Sgt. Pat Clennon Det. Eric Gilbert Dep. Dillon McDaniel



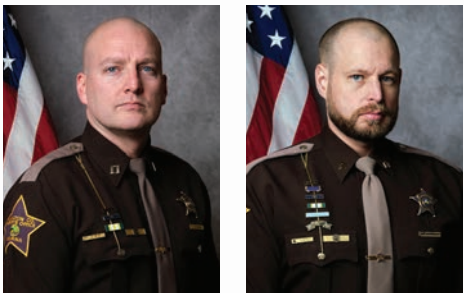
Dep. Scott Jones (1st & 2nd award) K-9 Dep. Neal Hoard Dep. Steven Forner Dep. Austin Rumer Dep. Patrick Traphagan Dep. Jared Wilcox (4th award)



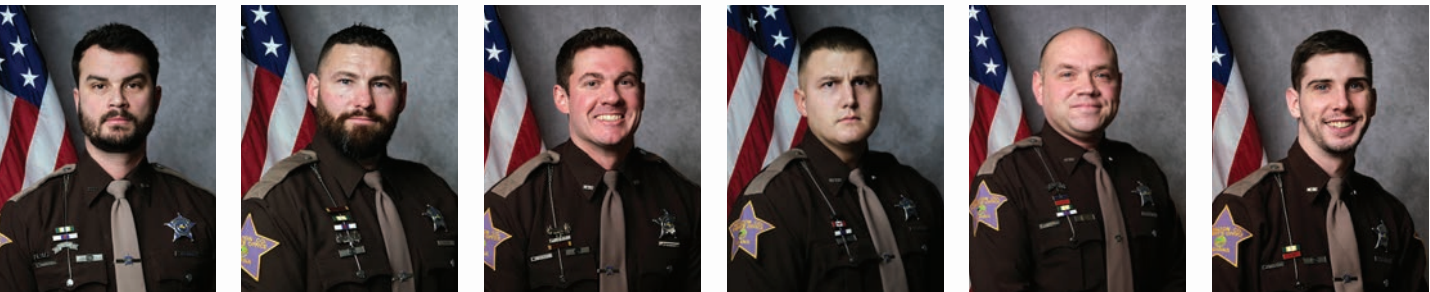
Dep. Skyler Moe (4th award) Dep. Daniel Wallace (4th award)

Sheriff's Commendation

This award may be given to a member of the Sheriff's Office who in the normal course of their duties, goes above and beyond the scope of those duties, in the act or series of acts that significantly benefits the citizens of Hamilton County or the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, the act(s) creates a substantial benefit to the public safety of the community, significantly impacts the level of customer service to the community or demonstrates an exceptional sustained level of performance, going above and beyond the normal demands of their duties.



Lt. Dan DeYoung Sgt. Jeremy Kousen



K-9 Dep. Jon Carder Dep. Skyler Moe Dep. Eddie Hansen Dep. Jared Wilcox Dep. Dillon McDaniel Dep. Robert McDuff

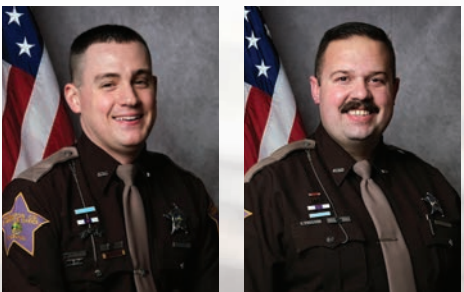
Cherish Child Advocacy Center's Impact Awards

Significant impact in the fight to make children's lives better and our community safer.



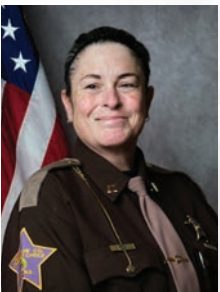
Dep. Lydia Fairchok & Capt. Scott McKinney

Medals of Honor



Dep. Austin Rumer Dep. Michael Foote

American Legion 45 Deputy of the Year



Capt. Kija Ireland



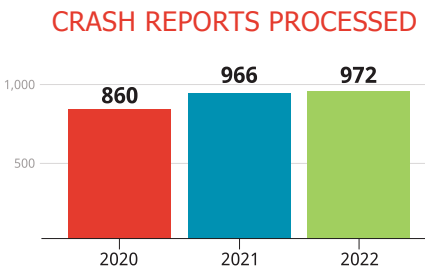
GOAL 1 | Proactive Enforcement

CRASH PREVENTION

Traffic enforcement is a key strategy to help reduce crashes in Hamilton County. The most common cause of crashes: following too closely. Additional traffic enforcement was emphasized in areas with a high volume of crashes.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is responsible for many heavily traveled roadways and intersections. In 2022, data compiled showed 972 crashes. Ten of those were fatal crashes with eleven fatalities total in 2022. Specifically, 175 crashes resulted in personal injuries.

43 | COLLISIONS INVOLVED DRUGS OR ALCOHOL IN 2022



CRASH TEAM

The HCSO Crash Team investigates vehicle collisions involving serious bodily injury or death. They utilize specialized tools and software to accurately reconstruct the scene.

- 15 | CRASH TEAM CASES
- 6 | DRUG OR ALCOHOL CASES
- 300 | MAN HOURS USED
- 0 | BICYCLE INVOLVED CRASH
- 3 | MOTORCYCLE CRASHES
- 9 | COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH TEAM CALLS

ACCREDITATION

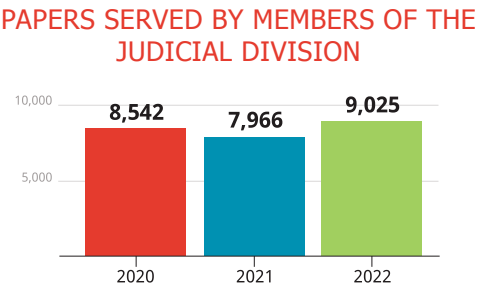
HCSO completed year two of our current accreditation cycle with CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). CALEA is an international organization which requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in Policy & Procedures, Operations, Administration, and Support Services.

TOP CRASH LOCATIONS (2022)

- US 31 & 236th Street
- 146th Street & Allisonville Road
- 146th Street & Hazel Dell Pkwy
- SR 38 & Boden Road

CIVIL SERVICE

Captain Mark Bowen led the Judicial Division which served papers such as summons, subpoenas, eviction orders, protective orders and notices to appear for agencies in and out of the state. These critical components help our community thrive.



COURT SECURITY

Civil Deputies vigilant attentiveness was once again imperative in 2022.

- 2,102 | ADULT INMATES TO COURT
- 15 | JUVENILE INMATES TO COURT
- 108,670 | VISITORS PASSED THROUGH METAL DETECTORS
- 756 | FINGERPRINTS PROCESSED

PROJECT LIFESAVER

The Emergency Response Unit (ERU), is trained to help locate missing individuals with specialized equipment from Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a non-profit organization that provides a wristband, which emits a silent individualized radio tracking signal, to persons who are at risk of wandering. This service can be helpful to community members struggling with Dementia, Alzheimer's, Autism, or Down Syndrome. Call the Public Safety Communications Center at 317-776-6757 for more information.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SCREENER TOOL

Human trafficking is a multibillion-dollar industry, and globally is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises. Due to this, yearly training is provided related to human trafficking (sexual & labor exploitation). Juvenile Probation utilized a questionnaire to help screen for potential victims of human trafficking. Three referrals were made to specialized services based on the results from the screening tool. It can happen anywhere, so be aware of the red flags.

CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS

The Support Division helped keep children from birth to age 8 safe by hosting a National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program. Seventeen technicians successfully completed the course. Ten families visited HCSO to seek assistance and eight car seats were replaced.

Remember all children under the age of 8 must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster. Children under 1 year and less than 20lbs must face the rear of the vehicle. To request a car seat inspection call: 317-776-1839.

- 46% of Children's Car Seats & Booster Seats are Used Incorrectly.
- Car Crashes are a Leading Cause of Death for Children Ages 1-13.
- Encourage rear facing car seats up to the age of 2 or as long as the seat fits the child by the height & weight requirements.

BODY CAMERAS

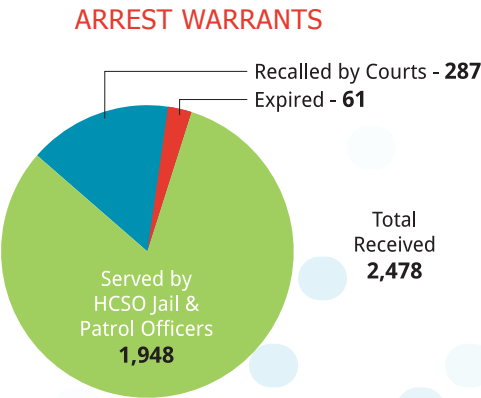
HCSO launched a bodyworn camera program. As part of the program, deputies within the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be using the Motorola Solutions V300 continuous-operation bodyworn cameras on service calls across all shifts. The V300 bodyworn cameras are a durable high-definition camera worn on the front of deputies uniforms that are Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and GPS-enabled. The V300 uploads the video and audio captured to a secure cloud-based site where videos can be reviewed by deputies and administration. "The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office welcomes the addition of this critical technology to our agency's law enforcement program," said Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush. "We are confident that the use of bodyworn cameras by our deputies will enhance safety, promote accountability, assist in prosecutions and provide a transparent unbiased view of interactions between our deputies and the public we serve and interact with daily."

HUMAN TRAFFICKING RED FLAGS

- Statement related to commercial sex
- Youth advertised on social media
- Controlling adult who speaks for a child
- Inappropriate age difference of an older "boyfriend/girlfriend"
- Someone else controls their identification card or documents
- Runaway juvenile recovered at a motel
- Foster care runaway who was gone for an extended period of time
- Brands & tattoos related to numbers, bar codes, or names
- Malnutrition
- Gang affiliation
- Unfamiliar with area
- Story that doesn't make sense
- Building security designed to keep people inside
- Workers who owe a debt to their employers
- Workers whose movements are restricted

WARRANT SWEEPS

The Sheriff's Support Division managed all the records related to warrants in Hamilton County. Correctional Officers processed the warrants, while patrol deputies and the CRT (Crime Reduction Team) focused on serving as many warrants as possible to help keep fugitives off the streets.



GOAL1 | Proactive Enforcement

CRIME REDUCTION TEAM (CRT)

Three uniformed deputies and a detective sergeant worked as a small, but proactive unit within the Investigations Division to help reduce crime. This unit focused its efforts to target any criminal element in Hamilton County. They assisted with drug investigations, serving warrants and generating intelligence.

- 101 | OUTRIGHT ARRESTS
- 108 | WARRANT ARRESTS (HAM CO.)
- 26 | WARRANT ARRESTS (OTHER CO.)
- 26 | ASSISTED DRUG TASK FORCE
- 30 | ASSISTED OTHER AGENCIES
- 104 | CRIME TIPS RECEIVED/INVESTIGATED (EMAIL, TIP LINE, CRIME STOPPERS)

PARK BICYCLE PATROL

Hamilton County has 12 large county parks and the Sheriff’s Office ensured these natural spaces remained safe for family recreation. HCSO consistently partnered with the Parks Department to provide surveillance and security. HCSO spent 4,500 minutes within county parks on bicycle patrol.

ANIMAL CONTROL

In 2022, Deputy Travis Dunn was hired as the Animal Control Coordinator for the Sheriff’s Office. Dunn has been an employee of the Sheriff Office since 2009 where he started in the Juvenile Detention Center as a Youth Care Specialist. He eventually worked as a Corrections Deputy in the Juvenile Secure Detention and the Adult Jail where he was a Field Training Officer, Crisis Intervention Officer, and a Certified Jail Officer.

Ordinance Reminder: When Temperatures Drop Below 40 Degrees or Rise Above 80 Degrees Animals Kept Outside Require Additional Resources.

Animals are Often Returned Home Without Being Processed through the Humane Society Due to Micro-Chips. This Saved the Taxpayers Over \$10,000 Dollars.

Dogs & Cats are Required to Have a Permanent ID in the Form of a Tag or Micro-Chip.

Animal Control Partnered with the Health Department and BOAH (State Board of Animal Health) to Successfully Shut Down an Illegal Slaughtering Operation in Hamilton County.



Left to right: Dep. Bryan Melton, Dep. Skyler Moe, Dep. Adam Leckrone, Dep. Eddie Hansen, Dep. Scott Jones, Lt. Dan DeYoung, Dep. Kevin Neal

GOAL2 | Community Involvement

How do you enhance the quality of life in a community & schools?

HCSO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office Community Foundation is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization creating opportunities for the community and law enforcement to support each other. This involves providing support for those less fortunate in our community, supporting our hard-working employees, and building strong relationships in our community.

Website | HCSOCommunityFoundation.com
Facebook | [@HCSOCommunityFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/HCSOCommunityFoundation)
Email | HCSOFoundation@gmail.com



Citizens Academy Alumni Association

HCSOCAA became a part of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office Community Foundation in 2021 and their active membership continued to grow to 83 members. The Alumni members stay active with the department and serve the community in numerous ways each year. Former President Marty Braley passed the reins on to the current President Dorthy Ostrander.

Citizen’s Academy

HCSO hosted two in person citizens academy classes. The small groups learned about corrections, firearms, alcohol offenses, investigations, K-9s and much more! The class is designed to promote positive community relations and to provide communications between citizens and law enforcement officials. Most sessions consist of classroom discussions, demonstrations and hands-on practical experiences.

Contact Deputy Bryan Melton to register: 317-773-1872 or bryan.melton@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.



Class 2022-24

Hamilton County Sheriff’s Christmas Express

The HCSO Community Foundation helped save Christmas for 40 children around Hamilton County! Santa’s little helpers shopped for gifts at Target and collected warm winter coats from Old Navy. HCSO staff filled personalized stockings and wrapped the presents. Santa Claus, Deputy Justice (mascot), patrol deputies, correctional officers and family members loaded large red bags full of toys into police vehicles. The jolly group hand delivered the gifts on the front doorsteps of the participating families. When the neighbors saw the twinkling red and blue lights, numerous additional children gathered in the streets to receive books and stuffed animals.



Left to right: Santa, Nice list little boy, Dep. Justice

No Shave November (Men’s Health Awareness Month)

The Mo-venber fundraiser at HCSO was once again a big success. The event raised awareness of men’s health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men’s suicide. Employees were temporarily allowed to grow a beard or mustache if they contributed financially to the cause. 105 employees participated in the 2022 event, which was extended throughout December, and raised over \$6,000. The funds provided a “hand-up” to several local families. Some of the people who received help included: a dispatcher struggling with cancer, a corrections officer involved in a significant crash, a domestic violence victim, and a child whose only guardian passed away unexpectedly.

Heroes Run

The HCSO Community Foundation hosted its 2nd Annual Heroes Run at Strawtown Koteewi Park (Noblesville). This year’s theme celebrated our friends in the fire rescue service. The race involved 5K & 10K competitions, 1-mile family stroll, and a virtual opportunity. Jackson Township Fire Department provided a real fire hose to spray down wooden fire targets, Noblesville Fire Department provided a smoke education trailer and White River Township Fire Department provided an ambulance for emergency service. Additional educational entertainment included a fire extinguisher with a laser to put out the digital fires and lastly, Hamilton County Park’s new mobile nature center was a big hit. Mascots Sparky & Justice were also there to make the crowd smile. Three-hundred and thirty-seven brave men, women, & children (including 11 teams) registered for the race. Their ages ranged from four to eighty-three years old. The Heroes Run raised \$23,017.07 for the HCSO Community Foundation.



Heroes Run Team



Girl Scouts Troop 5068



Back to School Shopping Spree

The HCSO Community Foundation hosted its’ 3rd Annual Back-to-School shopping event! Deputies and Correction Officers met with 15 children at Co-Hatch in Noblesville to enjoy Marcos Pizza and treats. After dinner, the children visited DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse and Old Navy to purchase new shoes and clothing for the school year. Special guest visitor, Deputy Justice, gave out hugs and high fives! The night ended when the children picked out a backpack filled with some great new school supplies for the year! Special thanks to Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program & Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Sheriff’s Office went pink during the month of October. The staff was encouraged to wear pink badges and clothing in support of the cause.



Legal Deputy Amy Summerfield

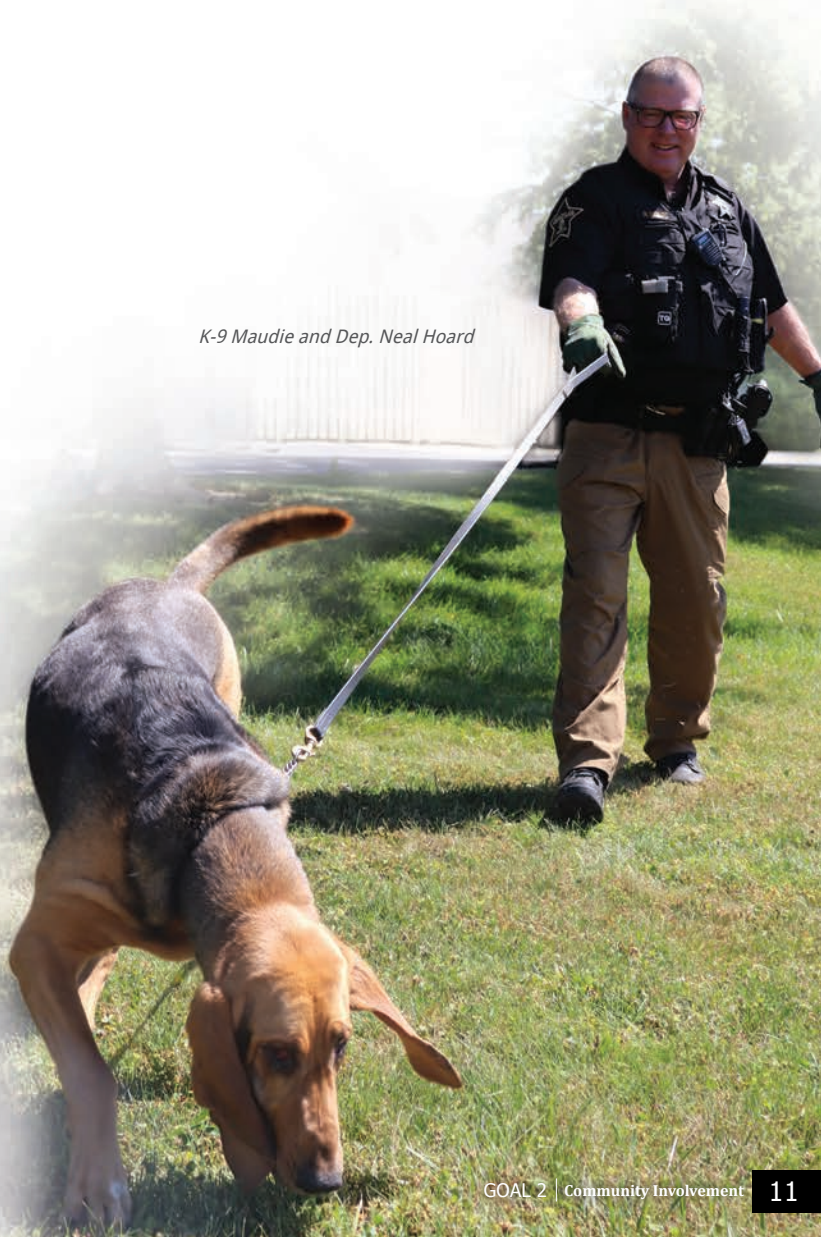
SOCIAL MEDIA

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office had a strong social media presence in 2022. This added a layer of transparency and exponentially increased our ability to communicate. HCSO also continued its video series called “Beneath the Badge” which told our stories and put names to faces, of the hardworking men and women, who’ve dedicated their lives to keeping Hamilton County safe.

- Facebook | 31,000+ Followers
- LinkedIn | Recruitment Option
- Twitter | Nearly 2,000 Followers & #1 Way to Communicate with Local News Agencies
- Instagram | 2,600+ Followers
- NextDoor | 165,600+ Community Members Follow HCSO

NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED K-9 TRAINING CAMP

Deputy Neal Hoard lead the 2nd annual Bloodhound Man-trailing Seminar. During this unique class, law enforcement personnel trained in conjunction with civilian search & rescue k-9 teams. Bloodhound handlers from Indiana, Texas, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia & South Carolina attended. The Citizen’s Academy Alumni served meals and took care of our guests.



K-9 Maudie and Dep. Neal Hoard

SCHOOL PARTNERS & PARTICIPATION

The Sheriff's Office assigned three full time SROs (Student Resource Officers) to Hamilton Height's School System. Deputies Josh Ireland, Jon Tindal, and Alex Petty took the lead in this area.

High School (700+ students)

Dep. Alex Petty stayed busy during the school day and after school with the extracurricular activities. He is in his 5th season of coaching varsity football. Additionally, he became an assistant basketball coach at the middle school and looks forward to Unified Track season in the spring. Unified Track is an IHSAA certified sport which allows all students (with or w/out special needs) to compete.

Middle School (730 students)

Dep. Jon Tindal received his National Association of School Resource Officers Practitioner Certification and obtained his INSRO Professional status all based on his significant experience and training. Dep. Tindal built strong relationships as he helped mentor staff and students. He taught about the hazards of vaping and social media safety as well as de-escalating emotions by using unique strategies such as reading or basketball to improve attitudes.

Elementary (850 students)

Dep. Josh Ireland became a certified NASRO Practitioner and a Master SRO from INSROA. Dep. Ireland assisted the school corporation in many ways. Specifically, He helped with 5 stranded vehicles, 2 crashes, 4 safety presentations, 1 bus crash, 2 tornado drills, 1 earthquake drill and 5 fire drills. Dep. Ireland also performed school safety audits at the following schools: Hamilton Heights, Indiana Academy, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and Our Lady of Grace.



- 7 MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES REFERRED TO JUVENILE PROSECUTOR
- 3 THC CASES REFERRED TO JUVENILE PROSECUTOR
- 4 CRASH REPORTS
- 11 TOBACCO CITATIONS
- 4 VAPE DETECTORS INSTALLED IN BATHROOMS

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

DARE programs were taught at St. Maria Goretti (Westfield), Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Sheridan Elementary, and Hamilton Heights Elementary (Arcadia). The curriculum also discourages bullying and peer pressure. 2022 marked the final chapter for HCSO's DARE curriculum. Deputies worked hard to create a new educational curriculum.

Approximately 300 Children in Program

A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)

Drills and dynamic active shooter training were completed to ensure Hamilton Heights was one of the safest school systems in America. Dep. Petty became an ALICE Instructor in 2022.

Dep. Josh Ireland



Student Resource Officer/Youth Assistance Summer Camp

Hamilton Heights School Corporation partnered with Hamilton County Youth Assistance for the first ever SRO Summer Camp in 2022. The camp lasted 3 days. Highlights include: guest speakers, command bus tour, Tactical Tracking Team (ERU), Bicycle Patrol and Jackson Township Fire Department. The group played dodge ball, ran an obstacle course, and were given a word of the day to learn. The camp concluded with a graduation.



Left to right: Dep. Scott Jones, Dep. Adam Leckrone



L-R: Sheriff Quakenbush, Capt. Kija Ireland, ISS Casey Schroeder, Capt. Tom Logan, Dep. Jon Tindal, Capt. Scott Goff, Dep. Justice, Capt. Scott McKinney, Dep. Josh Ireland, Crime Analyst Alyson Smith, Dep. Alex Petty, Lt. Dustin Dixon, Major John Lowes

Puppy & Dawg Pound Rooms

Recreation rooms located at Hamilton Heights were once again successful in 2022. These rooms were created and designed by students, SROs and Youth Assistance representatives to reward students for their good behavior. The unique concept focused on face-to-face interaction between all students. Classic games and popcorn highly motived the students to break down any social barriers. Leadership skills and personal growth were also fundamental parts of this ingenuity.

SENIOR FRAUD PROTECTION PRESENTATION

Deputy Larkin hosted 5 senior citizen's events throughout the county and an additional class for the Citizen's Academy Alumni. The presentation includes information on elder abuse, fraud, and security.

Contact Deputy Bryan Melton to request a class: 317-773-1872 or bryan.melton@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.



Dep. Jeff Larkin

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

This allowed residents to properly dispose of unwanted, unused, and expired drugs at three different locations.

817 POUNDS COLLECTED

SAFE EXCHANGE SPOT

The Sheriff's Office complex has posted signage in the parking lot to allow the public to make safe business transactions. Transactions relating to online purchases or child custody exchange would be appropriate.



Capt. Scott Pass

GOAL2 | Community Involvement

4TH OF JULY PARADES

HCSO staff and their family members participated in the annual patriotic parades in Noblesville, Cicero, Carmel and Fishers.



Cicero 4th of July Parade



Sgt. Ryan McClain, Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush

DUNKIN’ DONUTS COP ON A ROOFTOP (SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDRAISER)

Deputies partnered with the IN Dept. of Corrections at Westfield/ Carmel Dunkin’Donuts to help raise \$1,300 for Special Olympics Indiana! The generous donations allowed many athletes to continue pursuing their athletic goals.



L/R: Capt. Scott Pass, Dep. Bryan Melton, Officer Kylie Williams, Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush, Capt. Tom Logan, Dep. Lydia Fairchok



Lt. Chris Land, Dep. Coroner Sarah Lockhart, Dep. Justice

4-H FAIR

HCSO set up the child friendly SWAT Challenge obstacle course at the fair. Deputy Justice (mascot) made a special appearance. This interactive family event was educational and a lot of fun.

INDIANA SHERIFF’S ASSOCIATION YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

The camp celebrated it’s 40th year in 2022. The program is designed to achieve three basic objectives. First, the deputies want to foster a stronger relationship between our state’s youth and the men and women who enforce the laws. Second, the deputies want to give children, who ordinarily would not have the opportunity, a chance for a summer camp experience. The third goal is to give youth a chance to build character and inspire leadership skills.

FIFTY CLUB

The Fifty Club was established in 1969 by Noblesville business owners to provide a line of duty death benefit to police & firefighter families. Members of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, Noblesville Police/Fire Department and Indiana State Police joined community members in a friendly competition of golf. There was no shortage of comradery and humor among the group.

CRIME TIPS

The Investigation Division followed up on all crime tips. Captain Scott McKinney led the division, which was composed of four general case detectives, two crime scene investigators (CSI), one media specialist, two task force officers (TFOs), three student resource officers (SRO), and a sex offender registrar. The division also encompasses the Crime Reduction Team (CRT), which was comprised of three uniformed deputies, a sergeant and a K-9. Their fundamental strength was based on collaboration. The unit would be remiss if it didn’t thank everyone who helped keep Hamilton County safe in 2022. This means YOU! Many cases were solved, and victims protected because our community took action.

“If You See Something, Say Something”

BIKE RODEO

HCSO hosted 5 bicycle rodeos for children. These rodeos were presented by members of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Bike Unit. Deputies emphasized the importance of a helmet and fundamental riding skills. Basic rules of the road were taught while the children rode through an orange traffic cone obstacle course. The Sheriff’s Office was prepared to provide helmets for anyone without the proper safety equipment.

If you would like to request a bicycle demonstration, patrol, or special event, please contact Deputy Kevin Neal at 317-773-1872 or Kevin.Neal@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

— CRIME TIP HOTLINE —

If you have information about a crime, please contact the Hamilton County Crime Watch tip line: **317-776-5848**. Please visit: **www.HamiltonCounty.in.gov/FormCenter/Sheriffs-Office-4/Submit-a-Crime-Tip-44** to submit a tip online.

Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana:
317-262-TIPS (8477) or online
www.CrimeTips.org



Forest Park Bike Rodeo

GOAL2 | Community Involvement

PUBLIC AWARENESS

The Investigation Division oversaw the sex offender registry via OffenderWatch. Our multi-disciplinary team (MDT) worked hard to keep families safe. This team consisted of: child protection services (Indiana DCS), victim advocates (Prevail), child advocacy centers (Cherish Center), and prosecuting attorneys. Nevertheless, the real heroes in these tragic crimes against the family were the brave victims and/or witnesses who disclosed details about these real-life nightmares.

Approx. 861,837 Registered Sex Offenders in US.

80-95% Sex Offenders Assault People They Know.

Over 80% of Convicted Adult Rapists Report They Also Molested Children.

1/3 of Sex Offenders Report Assaulting Both Males & Females.

GUN PERMIT STEPS

1. APPLY ONLINE

Complete an application online at <https://firearms.ariesportal.com>

2. SCAN FINGERPRINTS

Schedule an appointment online to have your fingerprints electronically scanned at a convenient Identogo location

3. CALL (317-773-1872)

Complete the final step in the application process at the Sheriff's Office within 90 days. Please wait at least 48 hours after your fingerprint session has been completed before contacting the Sheriff's Office

CHILD SERVICES HOTLINE

If you have information about an abused or neglected child, please call the Indiana Department of Child Services hotline at: 1-800-800-5556. Please visit: www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/166/Sheriffs-Office to be routed to OffenderWatch, which will provide specific information about offenders living in your area.

SEX OFFENDERS IN 2022

66 | ONLY WORK IN HAMILTON COUNTY

136 | RESIDE IN HAMILTON COUNTY

PERSONAL PROTECTION

The Sheriff's Office facilitated the process for residents to obtain gun permits to legally sell or possess firearms.

Constitutional carry went into effect on July 1st, 2022. It allows anyone who is at least 18 years old, that can legally possess a firearm, to carry openly or concealed without a license.

141 | GUN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

4 | DEALER LICENSE APPLICATIONS

HEROES CLUB

In 1996, the Heroes Club was founded to support the real-life heroes of public safety and law enforcement in times of unparalleled need. As a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization, their mission is to provide financial assistance and resources for the fine women and men of the Carmel Police Department, the Carmel Fire Department, as well as members of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Indiana State Police who serve the city of Carmel and Clay Township. This years golf tournament was at the beautiful Woodland Country Club.

GOAL3

Supporting Our Employees

How do you ensure the future will be successful?

WELLNESS UNIT

The Support Division worked diligently again in 2022 to care for all HCSO employees. The division was led by Captain Scott Goff, a training sergeant, public information officer, a purchasing agent, seven deputy clerks, management assistant, data analyst and two part time employees.

Tactical Athlete Program (Physical Health)

Through our partnership with Riverview Health, HCSO began providing tactical athletic training services to officers in 2021. Athletic training in public safety is an emerging field that focuses on working with public safety officials to provide injury prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and reconditioning of the tactical athlete.

426 Total Tactical Performance Encounters

Busiest Quarter July-Sept

Total Estimated Savings (ROI): \$22,155

Rehab/Cardio, Hot Packs, and Stretching were the most common intervention services in 2022

Our Athletic Trainer

AT Carson Brown is a certified and licensed athletic trainer and works in our Tactical Athlete Performance Program. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training with a minor in massage therapy at Indiana State University. During this time, he worked primarily with ISU men's and women's track and field, ISU women's swimming and diving, and Depauw University's men and women's lacrosse. He has experience working as an athletic trainer in both the secondary/high school setting as the athletic trainer for Adams Central High School (Northeast Indiana) as well as the industrial setting performing ergonomics work and education with manufacturing workers at Cummin's Engine Co.



Holistic Resources

- Functional Movement Screens (FMS)
- Basic stretching/mobility program (Trend in neck/shoulder/mid back discomfort)
- Athlete Body Composition Assess (DEXA scan)
- Soft Tissue Mobilization
- Massage Gun
- Cupping
- Ergonomic Assessments



GOAL3 | Supporting Our Employees

Chaplains (Spiritual Health)

The HCSO Chaplaincy was led by Mark Fidler and a part time assistant Deb Estrada. Hamilton County Sheriff’s Chaplaincy is a 501-C-3 not-for-profit, non-denominational faith-based organization aimed at serving public safety personnel, those who work or reside in public safety facilities, as well as all residents of Hamilton County. Their mission is to serve as a supportive group of qualified ministers and counselors, assisting in matters of personal, marriage, job, spiritual as needed, and to be available to assist during times of emergency.

Therapist (Mental Health)

Susan Sherer-Vincent once again partnered with the Sheriff’s Office to help keep our staff mentally healthy by striving to improve our already exceptional ability to be resilient. We added Ally Blaskowski as an additional therapist in 2022. It is a proactive solution to a complex problem. Deputies, correctional officers and civilian employees all deal with trauma, which is inflicted upon them from working in the law enforcement realm.

Susan is a licensed clinical social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, certified alcoholism counselor and specializes in EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing). Susan provides confidential counseling, debriefings and intervention. She also provides training in mindfulness, depression, suicide prevention, resiliency, PTSD, critical incidents, vicarious trauma, addiction and officer wellness.

Ally began her Master’s of Social Work program at IUPUI during 2018 and is now completing an internship with a focus on Trauma Social Work. She is set to graduate in 2023. She has clinical experience working with individuals and groups in crisis intervention and stress management, as well as clinical therapy. She has an increased understanding of the benefits and life-changing results Neurofeedback Therapy has on those struggling with PTSD and other mental health illnesses.

Peer Support Team

As the “Peer Support Team” name implies, team members are NOT mental health experts. Instead, they primarily focus on peer-to-peer leadership to help coworkers quickly recover from stress. EVERYONE faces tense and uncertain circumstances, but healthy coping mechanisms are crucial. The team added four new members in 2022.

- Brad Spray (Corrections)
- Amanda Whaley (Corrections)
- Jeff Frolick (Corrections)
- Jon Robison (Support)
- Michael Foote (Support)
- Chris Jones (Investigations)
- Lydia Fairchok (Patrol)
- Dillon McDaniel (Patrol)
- Jeff Larkin (Reserves)

NEXT GENERATION

Specific plans were encouraged and developed for key positions in the agency. When anyone retires, their knowledge and skills must automatically be passed on to the next generation. This will prevent any gaps from interfering with our high level of service.



Chaplain Mark Fidler

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE DATA (Violanti, 2013)

The life expectancy of a police officer is 20 years less than his or her civilian counterpart.

The average age of a law enforcement officer (LEO) who has suffered a heart attack is 49 years, compared to 67 years of age for the general population.

LEOs are 25 times more likely to suffer death and disability from heart disease than from a violent action of a suspect.

Despite this information, many agencies have been slow to develop wellness programs and cardiac screening assessments.

Crisis intervention Training

In 2022, HCSO sent 10 more deputies to Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in pursuit of our goal to have 100% of patrol officers trained in CIT. At the end of 2022, over 90% of all officers assigned to the patrol division had attended the training. Officers receive 40 hours of training in topics such as suicide prevention, de-escalation, psychotic disorders, PTSD, substance abuse disorders, veterans, homelessness, developmental disabilities, autism, and dementia. CIT is a community-based program designed to improve the response to mental health crisis. It focuses on developing collaborative relationships between law enforcement, mental health providers, and individuals impacted by mental illness. As a pre-arrest diversion program, the goals of CIT include increasing safety, decreasing the number of individuals with mental illness entering the criminal justice system, and increasing referrals to mental health services.



CIT Class at Fisher Police Department

TOP NOTCH TRAINERS

Skills related to firearms, emergency vehicle operations (EVO), and physical tactics required knowledgeable instructors. The Sheriff’s Office strived to utilize seasoned trainers mixed with newer instructors to pass along institutional knowledge. Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office went above and beyond the state mandated training.

HOURS OF DEPUTY TRAINING
6,574

AVERAGE HOURS OF TRAINING PER DEPUTY (INDIANA REQUIRES MIN 24/YEAR)
~74.70

AMERICAN JAIL ASSOCIATION “CERTIFIED JAIL OFFICER” PROGRAM

With the intention of continually enhancing the professionalism of our staff and facility; 4 correctional officers tested to become Certified Jail Officer(s). Congratulations to:

- CO Kyle Landes
- CO Scott Souder
- CO Brad Spray
- Lt. Kevin Benson

Indiana Law Enforcement Academy

Deputy Joshua Lollar graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 2022.

I.M.P.D. LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Support Division was able to send two merit deputies and two correctional officers to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department’s Leadership Academy. This academy is a strenuous course which lasted 160 hours. The class was highly motivational and honed conceptional ideas related to leadership and supervision. Sgt. Jeremy Kousen, Dep. Dillon McDaniel, Animal Control Dep. Travis Dunn and Lt. Galen Hart graduated the IMPD Leadership Academy in 2022. They each wrote research papers about current trends in law enforcement to help improve HCSO.

Sgt. Jeremy Kousen study involved physical fitness strategies.

Dep. Dillon McDaniel study involved the importance of the driving maneuver referred to as Precision Immobilization Technique (P.I.T.).

AC Dep. Travis Dunn study involved the use of body worn cameras by the police.

Lt. Galen Hart study involved the mental & physical effects of working as a correctional officer.

National Jail Leadership Command

Sgt. Andrew Carey and Lt. Chris Land graduated from the national Jail Leadership Command academy in 2022.

MODEL PERSONNEL (EMPLOYEE/S OF THE YEAR AWARD)



Merit Division
Dep. Bryan Melton



Reserve Division
Capt. Matt Snively



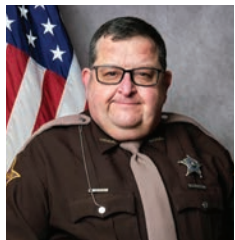
Civil Division
Matron Crystal Condellone



Jail Division
Sgt. Ryan Ebbert



Juvenile Services Division
Officer Rachel Baldwin



Judicial Division
Dep. Russ Milkey

Retirement Recognition



Dep. Brad Osswald
32 years of service



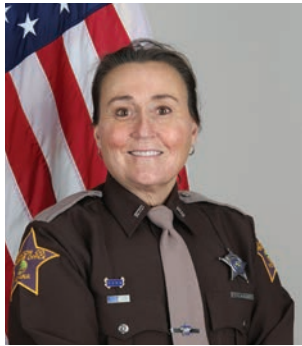
Sgt. Mark Barker
32 years of service



Capt. Scott McKinney
31 years of service



Lt. Melissa Uhrick
30 years of service



Dep. Laura Krieg
28 years of service



Sara Gutting
28 years of service



Reserve Dep. Barry
Jennhatton
10 years of service



Reserve Sgt. Blaine
Mallaber
10 years of service



K-9 Moxy
5+ years of service

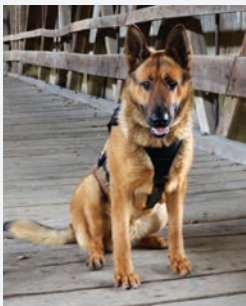


In Memoriam



Special Deputy Doug Warren Sanford
End of Watch 3/29/2022

Deputy Sanford was assigned as the Animal Control Supervisor for nine years and previously served with the Carmel Police Department for two years, IMPD for three years, and Ionia County Sheriff's Office (MI) for seven years. He died from complications as the result of contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty. He is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.



K-9 Snoop
End of Watch 10/25/2022

Snoop was a German Shepherd born in the Czech Republic on 3/18/2020. Snoop was trained in narcotic detection, obedience, tracking, area searching and criminal apprehension. Deputy Traphagan and Snoop graduated training from Vohne Liche Kennels. Snoop courageously faced medical issues for months prior to his untimely passing.

GOAL4

Supporting Our Public Safety Partners

How did the Sheriff's Office support other law enforcement agencies?

National Police Week (May)

Camaraderie and communication were essential elements to serve Hamilton County with a unified presence. Additionally, Hamilton County Public Safety Communications (Dispatch) is located on the HCSO Campus.

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK (MAY)

No other law enforcement agency in Hamilton County is tasked with maintaining a jail. HCSO's detention facilities are vastly important to other police departments. Captain Josh Carey and his assistant commander led the Jail Division which is the largest entity within the HCSO.

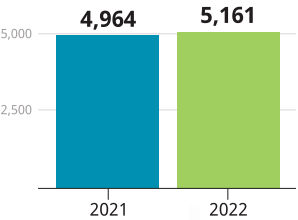
18.7 | AVERAGE DAYS SERVED (2022)

13% | RECIDIVISM RATE (2022)

TOP 10 ARREST CHARGES

- Operating While Intoxicated (OWI)
- Failure to Appear (FTA)
- Violation of Probation (VOP)
- Poss of Marijuana
- Theft
- Battery
- Poss of Paraphernalia
- Poss of Meth
- Poss of Scheduled Substance I, II, III, or IV
- Resisting Law Enforcement (RLE)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE BOOKED INTO JAIL



FULL TIME CORRECTIONS STAFF

100

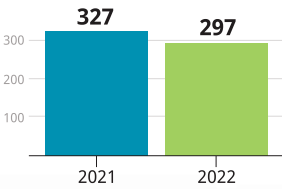
FULL TIME SUPPORT STAFF

8

PART TIME CORRECTIONS STAFF

3

AVERAGE INMATE POPULATION



GOAL 4 | Supporting Our Public Safety Partners



SERT Academy Group Photo

REGIONAL SERT ACADEMY

The Hamilton County Jail’s Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team known as SERT hosted and instructed a 3-day basic SERT Academy. The academy consisted of 23 correctional officers, who train and support their jails in high-risk situations. Officers from 9 different counties (Allen, Decatur, Kosciusko, Madison, Hancock, Brown, Wayne, Jackson, & Henry) all traveled to Hamilton County for this class. The academy covered topics such as: jail riot operations, cell extractions, less lethal application, ground defensive tactics, and mass cell block searches. The team looks forward to hosting more training in the future. It was a great opportunity for SERT to not only pass on the knowledge acquired over the years to other agencies, but to learn and grow based off situations other surrounding jails have experienced.

For more information on future training opportunities, email SERT Commander Matt Hyde, matthew.hyde@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

JAIL SECURITY TEAM

Correctional officers and detectives worked together to cross train additional law enforcement agencies on how to solve crime inside and outside the detention facility. JST successfully charged inmates with additional crimes when the offenses occurred within the jail. This emphasizes the point, that just because an inmate is incarcerated, doesn’t mean they cannot be charged and prosecuted for crimes within the complex.

HAMILTON CO. TRAFFIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The HCTSP is a consortium of law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County working to increase the usage of seatbelts, to combat aggressive and distracted driving, to decrease school bus stop arm violations, and to decrease impaired driving with the overall goal of creating a safer Hamilton County. The project is funded through a grant received from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Traffic Safety Division. The funds are provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

TOTAL CITATIONS & WARNINGS

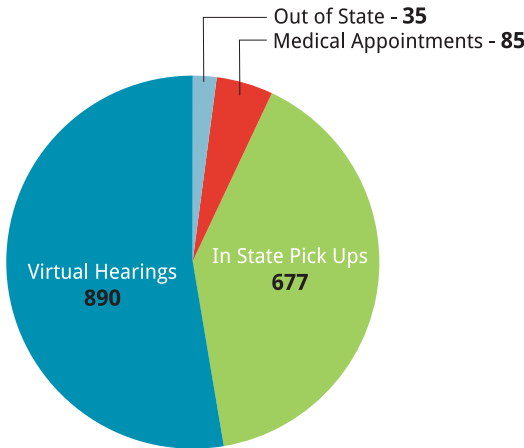
6,966

TOTAL HOURS ON PROJECT

3,324.75

NUMBER OF INMATES TRANSPORTED (78,630 MILES)

764 MALE | 192 FEMALE



Officer Joseph Pyle

SHARED INTELLIGENCE

The Investigations Division was committed to properly sharing intelligence and learning about nearby crime trends. This was accomplished via: the Indiana Fusion Center (Indiana State Police), Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCEN), and regular investigator meetings at local law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, state of the art intelligence sharing software (NC4) was fully implemented in 2022.

NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

The federally mandated revised method of counting crime was a complex transition in 2020 & 2021. This was a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, reporting data on offenses reported or known. The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office reached 100% compliance with NIBRS in 2022.

DRUG TASK FORCE

The Hamilton/Boone County Drug Task Force is a partnership of nine law enforcement officers from several agencies (Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department, Lebanon, Zionsville and Whitestown) which stem the flow and distribution of illegal substances into and within the two counties. Through the use of specialized training and technology, the Drug Task Force investigates the illegal trafficking of controlled substances, including, but not limited to, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, alprazolam, buprenorphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, MDMA, psilocybin, and synthetic drugs.

The primary mission of the Drug Task Force is to identify and arrest individuals or members of organizations that are selling, delivering, or storing illegal drugs and/or weapons in the jurisdictions of Hamilton and Boone Counties. The Drug Task Force also works to identify property and assets that have been acquired with the proceeds of the sale, delivery, or storage of illegal drugs and/or weapons and submit those items for forfeiture. Accordingly, improving the quality of life for the area’s neighborhoods is a key goal.

Please help keep drugs out of our community by calling: **317-776-9897** or **317-776-5848**. Online tips can also be submitted at: www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

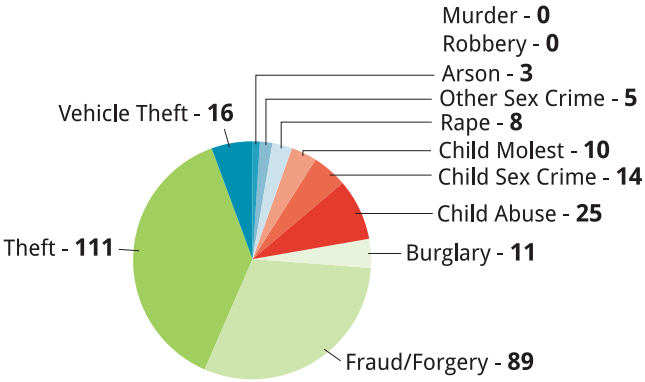
123 | ARRESTS

399 | CHARGES

124 | CASES OPENED

Trending: Cocaine demand is up & fentanyl continues its devastation

CRIMES BY CATEGORY IN 2022



TACTICAL TEAMS

Each of HCSO’s tactical teams are highly trained small units with skill sets that vary from man-tracking to crowd control. Our tactical teams include:

Emergency Response Unit (ERU) The ERU includes deputies, who are specifically trained and equipped to resolve critical incidents that are so hazardous, complex or unusual that they may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigators. This includes, but is not limited to, hostage taking, barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorist acts and other high- risk incidents. ERU may also be used to serve high-risk warrants, both search and arrest, where public and officer safety issues necessitate such use (Previously known as the Tactical Tracking Team).

Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team (SERT) SERT is tasked with responding to any incidents, riots, cell extractions, mass searches, and disturbances within the jail, and focuses on de-escalating the situation. SERT also provides security for high profile court cases.

Mobile Field Force (Riot Control Team) focuses on crowd control and maintaining the peace at large demonstrations.



GOAL 4 | Supporting Our Public Safety Partners

SPECIALIZED K-9 UNITS

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office had five unique K-9s throughout the year. These magnificently talented animals include: two German Shepherds, a Labrador Retriever, a Bloodhound and a Belgian Malinois. These K-9s helped our deputies solve crime in 2022, but they also gave a great deal of assistance for nearby agencies.



K-9 Snoop
Deputy Patrick Traphagan and K-9 Snoop were very active with the Crime Reduction Team. They helped take several fugitives and narcotics off the street. Unfortunately, Snoop had a medical issue during the summer and passed away in October. Deputy Traphagan will likely be paired with a new K-9 in 2023.



K-9 Maudie
Maudie is trained to track, and she is handled by Deputy Neal Hoard. Maudie had the highest number of calls for service in 2022. Maudie's lovable saggy face is always a joy for children.

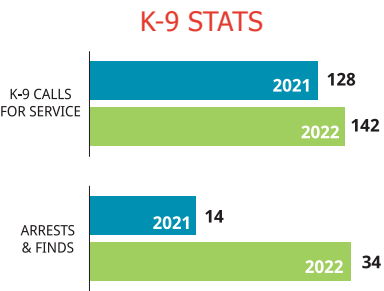


K-9 Jaeger
Jaeger is a dual-purpose classic patrol dog handled by Deputy Jon Carder. Deputy Carder and K9 Jaeger searched vehicles and rooms to seize the following contraband: 33g marijuana, 5g methamphetamine, 3g hashish, 2g marijuana wax & 2g heroin. In addition to keeping drugs off the street, Deputy Carder & K9 Jaeger were involved with the pursuit/arrest associated with the murder of Elwood Officer Noah Shahnnavaz.



K-9 Echo
Echo is a two year old Belgian Malinois from the Netherlands. Echo is assigned to his partner Deputy Tyler Abbitt. They started working patrol over the summer. Echo is trained in the following: tracking, narcotic detection, apprehension, obedience, area and article searches. Echo was recently deployed to assist the Westfield and Carmel Police Departments to track two suspects who fled in a vehicle from a traffic stop. The subjects later fled on foot, after burglarizing a home in Carmel. After tracking the suspects through a neighborhood from the last known location, Echo located the two suspects in a shed where they surrendered and were taken into custody. When off duty, Echo enjoys playing in the pool, chasing rabbits out of his yard, and bullying his dog sisters.

- 1,266 HOURS OF TRAINING (NEW K-9 ADDED AT END OF YEAR)
- 35 CRIMINAL TRACKS
- 20 SEARCHING ENDANGERED OR MENTALLY ILL
- 2 SCHOOL SEARCHES
- 19 COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATIONS
- 78 PATROL DEPLOYMENT (BLOODHOUND ACCOUNTED FOR 43/78 TRACKING REQUESTS)
- 1 APPREHENSION W/ K-9 (DOG BITE)
- 5 ASSISTED JAIL



K-9 Moxy
Moxy retired this year when Deputy Nate Biddle was re-assigned to investigation. Moxy is enjoying retirement with the Biddle family.



CHILD EXPLOITATION TASK FORCE

HCSO once again partnered with the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force. This specialized unit is affiliated with the federal Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program in partnership with the Fishers Police Department.

The Department of Justice, specifically the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquent Prevention, created the ICAC programs in 1998. Since its inception, 61 units have been established across the country. This national network is comprised of more than 4,500 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. They will provide forensic and investigative technical assistance to law enforcement and prosecutors as well as educational information to parents, educators and others concerned with child victimization.

Anyone with information about a child predator or internet crimes against children should call 911 or 800-843-5678. Online tips can also be submitted via cybertipline.com or www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

JUVENILE SERVICES CENTER

The Juvenile Services Center was led by Captain Kija Ireland. Our mission is to provide youth with a safe, secure, and healthy environment by holding them accountable for their behavior through positive reinforcement; and provide the youth with an opportunity for behavioral change through various programs. The center is broken down into 2 major areas: shelter care and secure detention.

The Shelter Care Unit provides non-secure temporary or emergency care for pre-adjudicated juveniles who have committed status offenses. Shelter Care offers a supervised setting with accommodations to house as many as 20 juveniles during any given period of time.

The Secure Detention Unit is used when a juvenile is accused of committing criminal acts which would also be criminal if committed by an adult. Juveniles may also be housed in Secure Detention if the court finds the juvenile is unlikely to return to court, or if the court finds that the child must be locked up to protect themselves or the community. The Secure Detention unit can accommodate up to 26 juveniles.

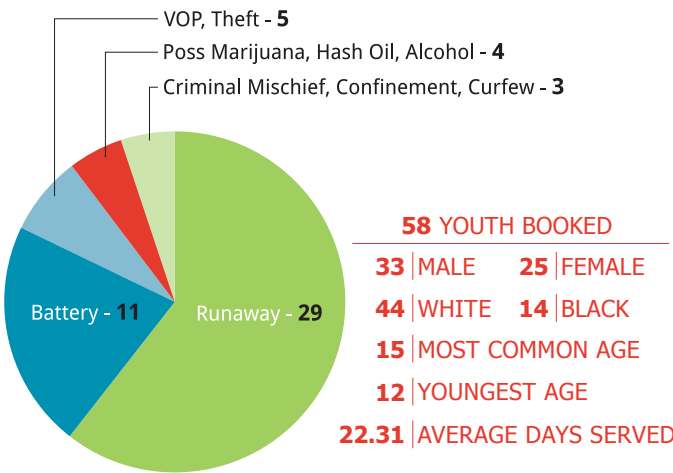
JSC 2021 Accomplishments:

- To encourage the value of education, JSC and Noblesville School Corporation continued their partnership by allowing a Noblesville High School Teacher of Record/Teacher of Services to be available to all students as needed.
- Annual Accreditation was received from the Indiana Department of Corrections.
- 19 outside counties in Indiana relied on sharing space at our Juvenile Services Center.

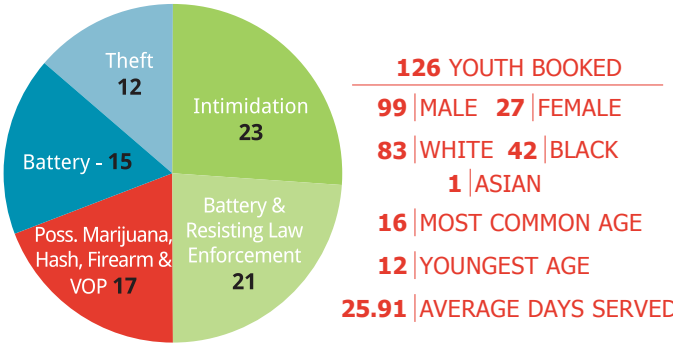


Bookmobile visits the Juvenile Services Center

MOST COMMON JUVENILE OFFENSES 2022 (SHELTER CARE)



MOST COMMON JUVENILE OFFENSES 2022 (SECURE DETENTION)



To request a demonstration with our K-9s please call or email: 317-773-1872 | chris.jones@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

GOAL 5

Carry Out Justice/ Restoration Strategies

What is the secret balance between justice and restoration?

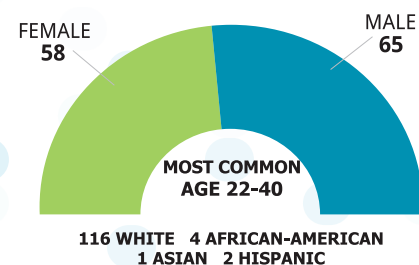
COPE (Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs)

Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs Community Overdose Prevention Efforts program utilizes a team of firemen, police officers (multiple agencies), and a peer recovery specialist to visit patients who experience an overdose within 72 hours. The goal was to provide additional services and encourage them to seek the appropriate level of Substance Use Disorder care and treatment. Funding was provided by the Hamilton County Council and Indiana Division of Mental Health & Addictions. Due to funding constraints, the program was on pause for the first six months of the year. The program resumed and was active April through December 2022.

HCSO served as a backup law enforcement agency for COPE. If a city department is not available to send personnel on a home visit, HCSO will send a deputy. HCSO covered other areas of the county for COPE 14 days this year, for a total of 35 home visit attempts.

- 123 TOTAL REFERRALS TO COPE PROGRAM
- 73 TOTAL HOME/VISITS
- 35 ENROLLED IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES & SUPPORTS
- 10 DOSES OF NARCAN PROVIDED BY DEPUTIES (NARCAN: OPIOID ANTAGONIST)
- 3 DOSES OF VIVITROL (MEDICATION TO MANAGE OPIOID OR ALCOHOL CRAVINGS)
- 37 OVERDOSE DEATHS (ANY DRUG)

PARTICIPANT'S DEMOGRAPHICS



CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMS

Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler oversaw 204 community volunteers and 9 chaplains in 2022, who helped provide programming in the Hamilton County Jail and Community Corrections. The volunteers conducted Bible studies, Worship Services, AA classes, Christian Recovery Classes, Alpha Program, Catholic Bible Studies and Worship Services.

- 892 VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS
- 3,445 INMATES IN JAIL THAT ATTENDED 465 CLASSES (COVID PREVENTED SOME PROGRAMS)
- 616 RESIDENTS ATTENDED CLASSES AT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
- 2,134 INMATES REQUESTED BIBLES & OTHER SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

JAIL PARTNERSHIPS & CASE MANAGEMENT

Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition supplied a peer recovery coach inside of the jail. HCSO welcomed the following new partnerships: Evolve Indy, Chick-Fil-A, Invest Hamilton County, Ethan Crossing, Empire Refractory Services, USA Up Star, The Cooper House, Anabranh Recovery, Recovery Café of Hamilton County, Dora Hospitality Group, Bridges of Hope, VA, Center Bank, Goodwill Indy, Helmer Scientific, Aware Recovery, Grace House, Ignite Transform.

1ST ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

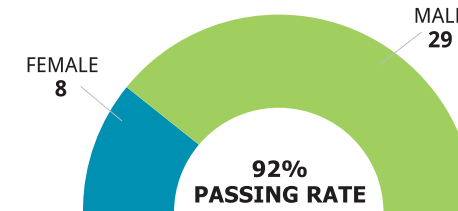
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy Program, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, led by Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler, held its first annual Prayer Breakfast Fundraiser at the Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center (Noblesville). The event was held to raise awareness and funding for the program. The featured speaker, Ilona Mikhov, was a former participant in the program. She gave a powerful testimony of her spiritual journey. The event was attended by over 200 people and raised more than \$10,000. Ginger's Café provided the delicious food and drinks.

If you would like to donate or volunteer for the Chaplaincy Program please contact Mark Fidler at 317-776-1824 or mark.fidler@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (HSE)

The HSE replaced the G.E.D. program. Only about half of the students who attend the class are considered to be at the eighth-grade level or above. Many come to the class with only a 3rd to 5th grade math level. They often have strong, undiagnosed disabilities. The group attends class, studies for the HSE, and takes their test in about a two-month period. The HSE covers the subject areas of Social Studies, Science, Writing, Language Arts, Reading, and Math.

ENROLLED WHILE INCARCERATED



JAIL HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY CLASS

In August 2022, Hamilton County Tourism and Invest Hamilton County started a hospitality class within the jail, which involved a cohort of 8 males inmates. Classes met once a week for an hour and 45 minutes for 10 weeks and were taught by a current General Manager from a Carmel hotel. These classes were focused on teaching the background of hospitality industry as well as specific topics related to front desk work. Using the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute program called "Golden Opportunities," students were able to obtain a certificate in effective guest service and the basics of front desk work. The program ended with mock interviews and a Q&A panel.

JAIL JOB FAIR FOR INCARCERATED

12 employers & 23 social service agencies were in attendance. Invest Hamilton County funded the catered lunch and 38 male inmates participated.

LAUNCH HOPE

Launch H.O.P.E. (Hope, Opportunity, Prosperity, Entrepreneurship) Foundation provided an industrial sewing and entrepreneurship skills program which partnered with Butler University. The focus involved supporting women in need.

- 29 PARTICIPANTS
- 584 INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS
- 200 PROJECTS COMPLETED



ANNUAL SHERIFF'S CHAPLAINCY CONFERENCE

Chaplain Mark Fidler (President) hosted the Annual Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference. 45 law enforcement and jail chaplains from three states (Indiana, Ohio and Michigan) attended. The group had eight first time Chaplains who were trained in the areas of: Legal/ Liability /Confidentiality, Ride-along Guidelines, Officer Injury and Death, Crisis Response/Critical Incidents, Ethics, Stress Management and Burn Out/Compassion Fatigue.

TOWER

The Transitioning Opportunities for Work, Education, & Reality program was aimed at reducing the recidivism rate amongst inmates at the Hamilton County Jail. The program was designed to address barriers, which sometimes makes it difficult for inmates to transition back into the community. Kelly Gunn was the program coordinator, and her compassion was exemplary.

- 220 MEN & WOMEN SERVED
- 34 COMPLETED TOWER PROGRAM
- 102 HOUSING REFERRALS
- 189 CLOTHING REFERRALS
- 94 TREATMENT REFERRALS
- 22 MENTAL HEALTH REFERRALS

Inmate Job Fair



GOAL 6

Steward Taxpayer Resources

How did the Sheriff's Office function financially?

COURAGEOUS VOLUNTEERS

Captain Matt Snively led the Reserve Division in 2022. This group consisted of 13 deputies (12 Patrol, 1 Auxiliary). They were required to work a minimum of 288 hours annually (24 hours per month). They volunteered a total of 8,126 hours for the citizens of Hamilton County in 2022.

FULL TIME WORK YEAR IS 2,080 HOURS = (8,126 VOLUNTEER HOURS) LABOR EQUIVALENT OF 4 FULL TIME MERIT DEPUTIES!

THIS SAVED TAXPAYERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY ALMOST **\$332,000!**

In addition to their patrol responsibilities, they provided security at numerous special events.

They also worked at the Hamilton County 4H Fair, Atlanta Earth Festival, Cool Creek Concerts, Heroes Run, Little Haunt on the Prairie, Girls on the Run 5k (spring and fall), Pioneer Fall Festival, White River Campground, Good Samaritan Network holiday giving program. This embodied Sir Robert Peel's (father of modern policing) 7th principle: police are the public and the public are the police.

DIVISION FINANCIAL PLANS

Each division organized economic information based on their unique needs. This inversion gave responsibility and decision-making authority back to lower levels within the organization.

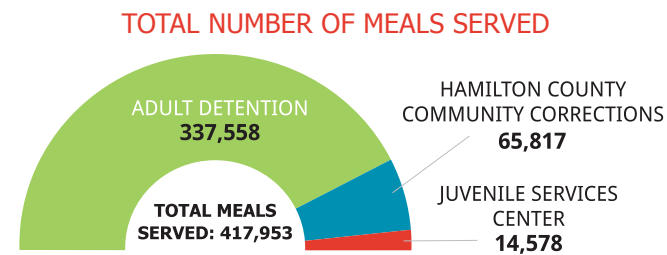


L/R: Dep. Lydia Fairchok, Officer Rachel Baldwin, Capt. Kija Ireland

STATE FUNDING

In 2022, the Hamilton County Jail recouped over \$60,560 thousand dollars from housing the state's level 6 felon offenders. This was due to the restructured Indiana Code which required county jails to absorb additional low-level security inmates.

519 | TOTAL BEDS
\$63.74 | COST OF INMATE PER DAY (ESTIMATED)



SCAAP GRANT

Thanks to the U.S. Department of Justice, HCSO received \$26,165 from a 2021 grant related to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

EXECUTIVES & COUNTY COUNCIL

Through careful planning and work with our county council, the following items were purchased:

- Motorola Body Cams (Partially grant funded by the Indiana Dept. Of Homeland Security: \$63,000)



ANIMAL CONTROL

Animals are often returned directly to their home without being processed through the humane society due to micro-chips which saved the taxpayers money.

SHARED SPACE (JUVENILE SERVICES CENTER)

In 2022, JSC recouped \$159,670 from outside counties, who relied on sharing space at our Juvenile Services Center.

- 39 (38 Secure Detention; 1 Shelter care) juveniles from outside Hamilton County were held.

\$32,009 | JDC NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH REIMBURSEMENT

MERIT BOARD

The merit board is a civilian board with 2 members elected by the deputies and 3 members appointed by the Sheriff. This board oversees the merit deputy pension fund, approves the Sheriff's hiring and promotion process for merit employees, helps prepare a list of qualified merit applicants, and acts as a discipline board for merit employees who may receive discipline more severe than a 15 day suspension. They play a very important role in the merit system at the Sheriff's Office.



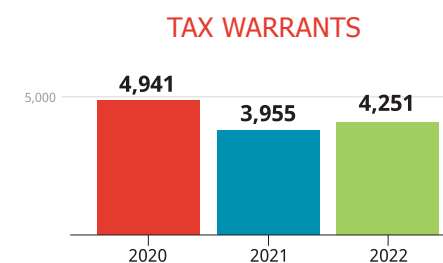
L/R: Kevin Jowitt, Bernard Pylitt, Jeff Wehmueeller, Dwight Williams, Keith Clock

TAX WARRANTS

The Sheriff's Office is tasked with assisting in the collection of monies owed to the Indiana Department of Revenue. These tax warrants are a chance to make voluntary restitution for taxes owed. The Sheriff's Office partnered with Liberman Technologies to help process tax warrants. A few benefits include: payments at the push of a button, faster response time, and a better internet transaction process.

Beware of Scams

A tax warrant is not an arrest warrant. A widespread scam involves receiving a phone call threatening the victim with arrest if a tax warrant is not paid. Pressure is usually placed for immediate payment by prepaid credit card or wire transfer. Caller ID may show the phone call originating from the Sheriff's Office or other governmental agency. Once a wire transfer or prepaid credit card payment is sent, it is almost impossible to recover. **Tax warrants are issued by written letter, never by telephone.** If you receive a phone call threatening arrest for a Tax Warrant, please hang up and call the **Department of Revenue** at **317-232-2165**, or the **Sheriff's Office Tax Warrant Line** at **317-776-9860** to verify a warrant. While delinquent taxes may lead to an arrest warrant at some point if unpaid, a tax warrant itself is not cause for arrest.



COMMISSARY

We have expanded our jail commissary to bring in additional income to fund programming for inmates. Most of our programs were paid for by the inmates and community partners, instead of using taxpayer monies.

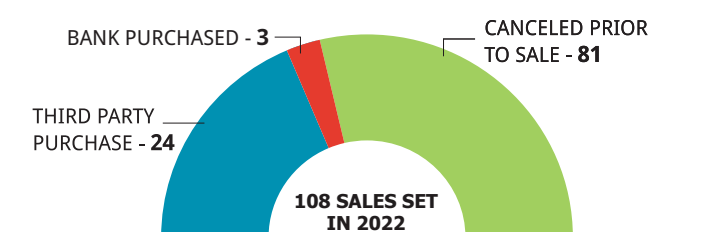
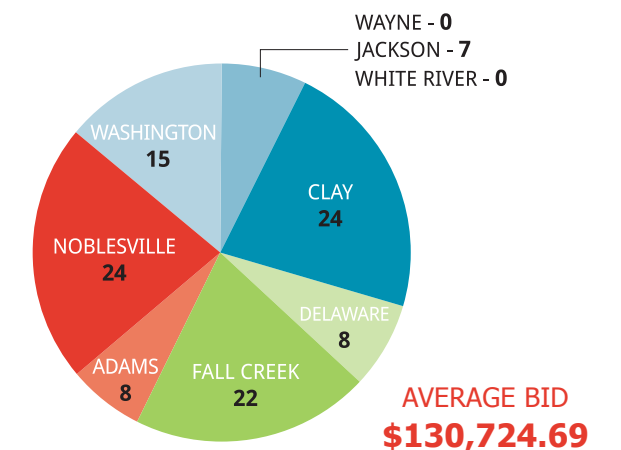
SHERIFF'S SALE

Sales are held on alternating Thursdays and are subject to change. You must be registered and receive a bidder paddle prior to 11:45 a.m. The forms are available online or you can fill it out at the Sheriff's Office. The bid sheets are placed in the lobby at 10 a.m. and the Live/Verbal auction is at 12:00 p.m. at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Notice of Sale Publications are posted at this time in the Hamilton County Reporter on Monday of each week.

Check out our website for more details.
www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/SheriffSalePublic/pages/public/properties

There is no access to these properties, so they cannot be inspected or seen prior to the sale. Terms are cash (certified funds) at the time of the sale. You must have with you the full amount you wish to bid on a property. If the property goes for less than the amount of the check tendered, a refund is available within 10 business days following the sale.

SHERIFF'S SALES BY TOWNSHIP





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